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Young (2017): The Effect of Fracking on Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, and Hunting in Pennsylvania

The data management and analysis for the paper were conducted using R version 3.2.1 “World-Famous Astronaut” using RStudio version 1.0.136 It has been written to run on a Windows or Mac operating system. In addition to the base R package, several packages are used. These can be seen at the top of the Rmd document loaded in the first code chunk.

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